

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action dated September 16, 2004. Claim 10 has been canceled, and new claims 12-16 have been added. Thus, claims 1-9 and 11-16 are now pending.

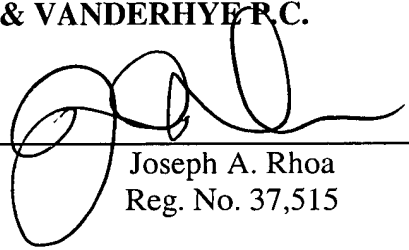
Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's allowance of claims 1-8 and 10-11. Subject matter of allowable claim 10 has essentially been added to claim 9. Thus, claims 1-9 and 11 are now in condition for allowance given the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter. New claims 12-16 also define over the cited art.

If any minor matter remains to be resolved, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned with regard to the same.

Respectfully submitted,

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